Lincoln County Port Authority 512 California Ave. Libby, MT. 59923



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Jim Christianson US EPA Region 8 999 – 18th St., Ste. 500 Denver, CO. 80202

Dear Jim,

In the Port Authority meeting of October 13th, we discussed the fact that our negotiations with Stimson are getting close to a conclusion. We expect to have a contract from them in the next couple weeks that will deed the Stimson mill site to the Port Authority. Certainly, there will be some more negotiating from that point. The main thing for us is to let you know where we stand and ask your cooperation in providing a "clean" site to us as the new owners.

As the Port Authority takes ownership of this property, we will be trying to implement several plans as soon as possible. Therefore, anything you can do to proceed with remediation plans will be greatly appreciated. Our understanding is the maintenance shed and the nursery are the areas that need treatment. We realize you are quite busy, but if you could let me know your potential plans for the Stimson property prior to our next meeting on November 10th, it would help our planning process. We would like you to make the maintenance building the priority as we see that as a valuable asset, which the Port Authority could tout as a "Clean Building" and get a tenant into right away.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at mayo@libby.org.

Jim Mayo

Chairman Lincoln County Port Authority